

IN THE PLAY HOUSES.

At the Academy.

The Miles Ideal Stock company will present "The Prodigal's Return" at the Academy of Music this afternoon. Tonight the play will be "New Mexico."

The Circus Girl.

A sextette of clever comedians and singers is what the public and critics say about the principal male members of "The Circus Girl," but with such an array of talent as suggested by the names of this clever sextette, how could it be otherwise? Mr. Charles Danby as Biggs; Thomas Bicketts as Sir Titus Weyns; Bert C. Thayer as Dick Capel; W. H. Tredenick as Drivelli; Will T. Elswanger as the Ringmaster; and Albert Arling Parr as Vicente Gaston. Fun and music, merit and talent will be the menu for "The Circus Girl," which will be seen at the Lyceum tonight.

The songs are exceptionally bright and the music is gay and appropriate. There are, in particular, two duets, "professions" and "clowns," that are said to be delightful, while the fame of the dainty solo, "Little Bit of String," is already continent wide. The comedy is the most elaborate ever used in this kind of a production and is identically the same as that employed when the piece was given at Drury's. The circus scene in the second act is realistic and animated, one of the most ingenious accomplishments of latter day artists being the way in which is given to the back of the stage, the vivid appearance of a genuine circus with a performance in full progress.

Attraction at the Gaiety.

The announcement of the "Zero" company being the next attraction at the Gaiety is a guarantee that big houses will be the rule, as this is one of the strongest as well as one of the most popular attractions on the road. Every season offers something new, novel and original; this season the program is built new from the rise to the fall of the curtain and is the best this company has ever presented. It is varied enough to please all tastes, the girls are beautiful and shapely, and the specialty acts, as follows, are selected from the best in the profession: The Meeker-Baker trio, Misses St. John and Lytton, Madden and McCarthy, Fish and Quigley, Misses Ward and Erwood and Little Jerome. The engagement is limited to three nights, beginning Thursday matinee, with matines Friday and Saturday.

The Countess Valeska.

Julia Marlowe's new play is called "The Countess Valeska." The play deals with Napoleon's campaign in Poland in 1807, the action occurring just after the battle of Friedland. The scene is in the castle of the Countess Valeska, where Napoleon is quartered. The thoughts and the purpose of the countess are divided between loyalty to her country and love for a young Prussian officer. Her motives are further complicated by a plot against the life of the emperor. There is a second plot concerning the loves of the countess' sister-in-law and one of Napoleon's captains. It is said that the play affords especial opportunities for handsome costuming and scenery. It is an adaptation from "Der Lange Preuse," of Rudolph Stratz, one of the

successes of the Berlin season last year. The character is one which is supposed to fit Miss Marlowe's personality and talents. The production here at the Lyceum theatre, Friday evening, Feb. 3, will be the same as at the Knickerbocker theatre, New York, where the play was first produced.

A Grip of Steel.

The great romantic drama "A Grip of Steel" is the offering for the first half of next week at the Academy of Music. This play is in four acts and twelve scenes and contains many exciting and thrilling situations which keep the audience in a state of anticipation throughout the performance. The story tells of the unjust conviction and punishment of a man who possesses remarkable physical strength and a deep intense nature. Upon his release from prison he is so bounded by the police that in sheer desperation he joins a band of thieves and becomes their leader. His wife, who is blind, knows nothing of his misdeeds until informed by one of the gang, who turn traitor. In revenge for this treachery, he kills the traitor and keeps his word. Bonjag's great devotion to his afflicted wife, despite his trials and misfortunes, is the dominating element of the play, bright comedy, splendid scenery and an exceptionally capable company add attractiveness to the production of "A Grip of Steel." Matinées Tuesday and Wednesday.

OLYPHANT.

A pretty home wedding took place yesterday at noon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. Y. Davis, of Lackawanna street, when their daughter Mary, and John F. Probert were united in marriage by Rev. George Hague, pastor of the Susquehanna Street Baptist church, assisted by Rev. Peter Roberts. The nuptial knot was tied in the parlor which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion. In the presence of the families of the contracting parties. The bride was becomingly dressed in a gown of very blue broadcloth, trimmed with marten. Immediately after the ceremony congratulations were tendered the newly wedded couple, and later all sat down to a sumptuous wedding dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Probert left on the afternoon train for a brief wedding tour and on their return will reside at this place. Those present were: Mrs. Mary Probert, Mr. and Mrs. John Whitby, Mr. and Mrs. Gwilym Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Jones, Edwardsville; Mr. and Mrs. D. Y. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. John Pettigrew, Misses Annie Probert, Emily and Jennie Davis, Watson and John Davis, Louis Edelson, of Scranton, and L. B. Meyerson, of New York, visited Louis Zaken, on Tuesday.

Miss Clara Maroney, of Susquehanna is the guest of Miss Annie Jordan, of Dumore street. Mrs. Ann McHale and Mrs. Thomas McLaughlin, are visiting relatives at Dunmore. Editor A. Philbin, of the Archibald Citizen, was a caller in town yesterday. The school board met Tuesday night with the following members absent: Kelly, Lenahan, Donnelly, Mr. Hollister, of Marschwood, stated that after a few years back he had not received any compensation for acting as assistant assessor in that district. The matter was referred to a committee to investigate, as orders appear to have been drawn for that purpose. A complaint was made by Mrs. L. Pettigrew, of Hudson street, against one of the

teachers in the Central school, whom she charges with having cruelly punished her boy. The board decided to notify the teacher to appear before the body at a special meeting on Monday, to answer the charge. Mr. Feely, representing the Cartograph Publishing company of Philadelphia, was present in the interest of a county map, which is now being prepared. The board decided to purchase seven maps at a cost of \$6.50 each.

THOMPSON.

Miss Hannah Latham and Miss Theresa Burns are ill.

Much interest is being manifested in the revival at the Methodist Episcopal church.

Hattie Roe, of Gulf Summit, is attending school here.

Mr. Forest Hobbs, of Ararat, called on friends here recently.

Charles French was in Carbondale yesterday.

Mr. Hubbard is repairing his store, Mrs. M. T. Whitney, of North Jackson, is dangerously ill at the home of her son, Dr. Miller, of Lansboro.

Remember the social in G. A. R. hall Saturday evening. Come and bring your shadow for the benefit of the band.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The generic name is L. B. Q. on each tablet.

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Without a Peer—WORKS MIRACLES—Dr. Annew's Cure for the Heart is without a peer. This great remedy relieves instantly the most aggravated and distressing forms of heart disease. Thousands of times has the hand of the great Destroyer been stayed by the use of this Remedy. Shortness of Breath, Pain in Left Side, Smothering Sensations, don't delay or you may be counted in the long list of those who have gone over to the great majority, because the best remedy in the world today was not promptly used. Sold by Matthews Bros. and W. T. Clark—25.

THE MARKETS.

Wall Street Review.

New York, Feb. 1.—Many specialties were sharply advanced yesterday, while changes in the railways were rather mixed. Interest centered largely in low-priced stocks, as is shown by the dealing in the market, which totalled \$1,000,000 in Denver and Rio Grande, which made extreme advances of two points each. Atchison preferred, which had been a heavy loser, made an advance of about 2 points on transpositions of pension shares. The market locally opened lower under bear pressure and closed lower, but the market position reached a point in only a few shares, which became in some of the specialties, the demand for standard stocks was checked by certain movements on the appearance of buying orders, which caused renewed advances and standard stocks rallied above yesterday's close. The bears, as usual, sought to bring about a reaction, but the offerings were well taken, and as soon as pressure was removed the market closed firm. Total sales were \$22,000 shares.

Carrington & Co's Letter.

The market was again influenced by a general decline in London and opened off fractionally. After the execution of the options, however, the market advanced mainly one per cent. in Atchison preferred and about 1% in Central Pacific, Idaho and the Industrials. The market, however, continued jumping, however, to the close. There was no news of special character and the market was swayed as much by the general market as by the individual stocks. We do not look for much decline just now, the market being likely to hold during few months and after action on the part of the market on the part of the market, the market will be likely to continue abundant with free offerings, although institutions are becoming more prone to change their opinions of the market's future. While the market closed firm, the market position seems to have exhausted itself and business has settled down to nominal proportions. 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